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## CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY IN LA LUZ CANON

**J. H. Castledine Shoots Vidal Duran to Death--Claims Vidal Insulted Wife**

Arlingard, Dec. 25.—J. H. Castledine shot Vidal Duran with a 30-30 rifle yesterday afternoon. Duran dying about 8 hours later.

The shooting took place some four miles above La Luz, near the home of Perfecto Madrid.

It appears that the only witnesses to the shooting are J. H. Castledine and William Ostic.

Dr. J. R. Gilbert attended Duran but was unable to render any assistance, the victim of the bullet dying about four o'clock Wednesday morning of internal hemorrhage. The bullet struck in the right thigh bone, and, riving upward, passed through the bladder and lodged in the lower bowels.

It is claimed by Mr. Castledine that Duran and a companion insulted and threatened Mrs. Castledine, as she was riding horseback along the road near their home that she sustained severe injuries in trying to free herself from their onslaught. When she returned home bleeding and so frightened she with difficulty told her story, he became enraged, armed himself with a six-shooter and a 30-30 rifle and proceeded to look the offenders up. He found them near the home of Perfecto Madrid, who resides about four miles northeast of La Luz, and gave them a good talking to at the same time administering to the deceased a severe chastisement with his fists. The deceased then ran to the Madrid home, where he procured a rifle and opened fire on Castledine. Four shots, or more were fired by Duran to which, in self defense, Castledine fired two shots from his rifle, one of them striking the deceased in the right thigh, from the effects of which he died later.

William Ostic, who was at the home of Perfecto Madrid, says he was called out of the house by Duran to interpret what Castledine was saying to him and his companion. He stepped out of the house and called to Castledine, asking him what he had said to the boys for the purpose of interpreting to Duran, whereupon Castledine replied that it was up to them to get their guns if they wanted to fight. At the same time he threw down his rifle and fired, dropping a bullet on the ground just in front of Ostic's feet. The impact of the bullet three feet over Ostic, blinding his eyes and rendering him unable to see what happened thereafter. The shot frightened Ostic and he managed to get behind a wagon standing in front of the house, from which position he heard several shots, but was unable to tell by whom fired. Ostic says Duran was in Madrid's lot and behind him when he went out to interpret for him and when the first shot was fired by Castledine.

Duran was on an elevation some five or six feet above Castledine when shot, the bullet striking in the right thigh, riving upward. The bone was shattered and death resulted about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Alamogordo Advertiser-News.

## THREE STORE BUILDINGS ARE BURNED AT DEMING

Deming, N. M., Dec. 27.—Fire broke out in the rear of the Birchfield & Heath millinery store, formerly known as the "White House," last night about 11 o'clock, and destroyed the millinery store completely, the Victor confectionery and the Silver King saloon, and damaged the Triomphic barber shop and the N. A. Bolich dry good house.

C. L. Baker, owning the building, which the Heath & Birchfield millinery stock occupied, had \$2,000 insurance, J. H. Tracy owning the buildings occupied by the Silver King saloon and the Victor confectionery, had \$3,000 insurance on the buildings and \$2,000 on furniture and fixtures. Pride & Estes, owning the stock of the Silver King saloon, had no insurance and lost about \$500. N. A. Bolich's partial loss is fully covered by insurance. The Triomphic barber shop building, owned by R. A. Knowles, had a partial loss, covered by insurance. The millinery stock owned by Heath & Birchfield was insured in company for \$2,000 an in another for \$3,500, making a total of \$5,500.

Dr. Doughty, wife and son, James, are spending the holidays in Alabama.

**BANDITS FAIL TO GET \$50,000**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four masked bandits struck before midnight and up Chicago & Alton westbound passenger train No. 10, known as the "Hammer," five miles southwest of here.

After laying the engine and express car uncoupled from the rest of the train, the bandits forced the engineer to drive several miles down the track where the robbers exploded four charges of dynamite to unsuccessful attempt to open the express car safes.

Thieves pursued by a posse of 45 deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives from Springfield aboard a switch engine, the robbers left the body damaged safe and escaped into thick woods along the right of way.

The Springfield posse joined by a force of railroad detectives and employees from elsewhere, continued the hunt for the bandits.

The engine of the train then backed engine to the station where the much-damaged cars were packed up and the train continued on its way to Kansas City.

None of the passengers were disturbed by the bandits during their operations to the express car, which is said to have contained Christmas packages valued at \$50,000.

As chance in aiding the efforts as they were bold and deliberate in holding up the train, the robbers apparently have escaped. A thorough search of the country near the scene of the hold-up failed to produce any clue.

## CIVIL SERVICE ORDER

### RILES THE DEMOCRATS

Washington, Dec. 26.—With President Wilson is able to withstand the clamor of congressmen to rescind the order of President Taft placing all fourth class postoffices under the civil service?

That is one of the things agitating the souls of congressmen just at this time, particularly the Democratic members. The Democrats declare that the Taft order, which was issued just before the November elections, was a shrewd political move to fasten thousands of fourth-class postoffices to the Republican banner in 1912. More than that, it took away the principal patronage of the Democrats at one swoop. The Democratic congressmen are not going to stand for this if they can help it, and a tremendous pressure will be brought to bear on President Wilson to overturn the order.

## MYSTEROUS CASE OF TRAVELER

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 27.—Bulgaria is preparing to resume the war according to its special dispatch. The correspondent says the Bulgarian war minister has called up the recruits to be enrolled only in 1913 and has summoned all able bodied men up to the age of 40 to the colors.

Large supplies of munitions of war and provisions have reached Rostchuk on a Russian steamer which came up the Danube. Two other steamers brought a large number of cavalry horses and hospital supplies and there were 80 physicians and 90 corps of nurses on board.

## LANGFORD WHIPS M'VEA

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—Sam McVea was knocked out in the 13th round by Sam Langford today in one of the fiercest heavyweight battles seen in Australia in years.

## PRESEYTERIAN ANNOUNCEMENT

The subject last Sunday morning the closing Sabbath of the year will be, "The Measuring Line" at 7:30 in the evening, "An Inventory." We hope the youngster may be stout, healthful and become a great man in the business and social world.

## SANTA GOOD TO US

Among the many who kindly remembered us this Christmas, for which they have our thanks, are:

Mrs. T. M. Hurst, Arnot, Pa.; Mrs. A. Calisch and Mrs. Kuhn, Montoya; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jones, Becker, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Dunson, Montoya; H. L. Thurman, Montoya; Mrs. Shumberg, Texas; Miss Allie Moore, Galena; Keast, Miss Griffin, city; H. E. Kelly, city; Earl Millsdale, Ely & Hawkins, city. Thanks to all.

## SPECIAL FROM EL PASO

A special train El Paso bearing several of the officials, came up Friday night, and proceeded to Dawson.

Among the party, were Messrs. Simons, Fox and Schumacher.

# CHRISTMAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED IN OUR CITY

Christmas Eve was most appropriately observed also in the cities and churches of Tucumcari. The services were decorated with holiday colors and decorations. The services were carefully prepared and rendered and every thing was carried out in a most pleasing manner. All the children present received candy, nuts and a Christmas gift. Some of the judges and citizens delivered new Christmas boxes to the girls of our city and the Christmas spirit was shown in numerous other ways.

The merchants report an extra good business and were pleased with the patronage they were accorded during the holidays. The prosperous condition of our citizens should put new life into all business affairs and Dawson will go forward next year as never before.

We wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

## OUR XMAS DAY OUTING

On Christmas day we took our first trip for the season of 1912.

In company with H. E. Kelly and Bryant Hawks we boarded No. 34 for Hancey. The day was splendid, birds plenty and we were about all in to go.

While we had lunch, we called on Gregorio Flores to get some water, and a man and family insisted on us eating Christmas dinner with them, which we did, and it shows Mrs. Flores an excellent cook. They had quite a variety of cakes, pies and various edibles, all of which we enjoyed immensely. After a nap in the afternoon getting all that was coming to us in the way of game, we proceeded to Hancey, where Mr. and Mrs. May had a Christmas feast on tap and insisted that we partake, and it shows Mrs. Flores an excellent cook. They had quite a variety of cakes, pies and various edibles, all of which we enjoyed immensely. After a nap in the afternoon getting all that was coming to us in the way of game, we proceeded to Hancey, where Mr. and Mrs. May had a Christmas feast on tap and insisted that we partake, and it shows Mrs. Flores an excellent cook. They had quite a variety of cakes, pies and various edibles, all of which we enjoyed immensely. 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